

House Resolution No. 4612

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Don Walsworth recently enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishment when he was selected to receive a 2007 Missourian Award by the American Heart Association; and

Whereas, Don Walsworth is the Chief Executive Officer of Walsworth Publishing Company, Inc., of Marceline, Missouri, and with 1,500 employees, Walsworth Publishing is the largest independently owned yearbook company in the world and ranks among the top ten book manufacturers in the United States; and

Whereas, born in Greenfield, Iowa, Don Walsworth graduated from Marceline Public Schools and from the University of Missouri in 1957, with a bachelor of science degree in education; and

Whereas, Don Walsworth began his career with Walsworth in 1957 and became its President in 1967, and in 1975, the Small Business Administration named him Small Businessman of the Year from the Missouri-Kansas region; and

Whereas, Don Walsworth serves on numerous boards and as officers for many of them, including as chairman of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Employees' and Highway Patrol Retirement Boards and as a member of the University of Missouri System Board of Curators, where he has served on the Board's Resource and Planning Committee, Finance and Human Resources Committee, Executive Committee, and is presently serving as the President of the University Board of Curators; and

Whereas, Missourian Awards nominees have made an outstanding contribution to the state or nation in the areas of civics, business, education, politics, or the arts by dedicating their lives to improving the quality of life in this state through diligent work and charitable ideals; and

Whereas, past Missourian Awards winners have included George Washington Carver, General Omar Bradley, Thomas Hart Benton, Walter Cronkite, President Harry S Truman, General John J. Pershing, Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, and Walt Disney; and

Whereas, Missourian Awards have been presented annually for fourteen years by the American Heart Association to acknowledge the most accomplished citizens of the state of Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the well-deserved selection of Don Walsworth for a 2007 Missourian Award from the American Heart Association; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Don Walsworth.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Shively
District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4612, adopted August 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker